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For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE)	January 9, 2002
APPARATUS AND DEVICE	:	
MANUFACTURING METHOD)	
USING THE SAME	:	

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

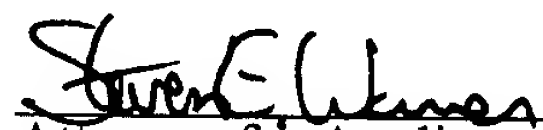
Japanese patent document 10-163547 is discussed on page 1 of the subject specification and corresponds to European patent document 0 820 132.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	4,891,663	01/02/1990	Hirose	355	53	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
10-163547	06/19/1998	Japan			Abstract
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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